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SUBJECT: VISIT OF AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL OFFICIALS

1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS),  
NOAA, COMMERCE WAS CONTACTED BY DR. EUGENE GRASBERG  
OF AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL. HE FOUND RFA'S REPORT VERY  
INTERESTING AND THE COUNCIL PLANS TO FOLLOW UP ON  
RFA'S SUGGESTIONS. COUNCIL PRESIDENT KENNETH MUELLER,  
AND MEMBERS EUGENE GRASBERG AND EZRA MERRILL PLAN TO  
VISIT MOROCCO, TUNISIA, AND EGYPT TO INVESTIGATE  
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JOINT VENTURE OPPORTUNITIES IN FISHERIES. TENTATIVE  
ARRIVAL CAIRO SEPT. 20, CASABLANCA SEPT. 28, AND  
TUNIS OCT. 1. COUNCIL POLICY REQUIRES AN INVITATION  
FROM THE MOROCCAN FISHERIES OR OTHER MINISTRY SO THAT  
THE COUNCIL CAN ACT ASSURED THAT ITS PROJECTS ADVANCE  
HOST GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES AND ENJOY ITS SUPPORT.  
REQUEST RFA OBTAIN INVITATION IF POSSIBLE. INVITATIONS

FROM EGYPT AND TUNISIA HAVE ALREADY BEEN OBTAINED.  
COUNCIL DOES NOT EXPECT MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT TO PAY  
EXPENSES, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE BEING MET AT AIRPORT  
IN CASABLANCA.

2. MR. MUELLER AND OTHERS WILL VISIT TUNISIA FOR 5  
DAYS AFTER LEAVING MOROCCO, AND THE COUNCIL SUGGESTED

THAT RFA'S PLANNED TRIP TO TUNISIA MIGHT BE COORDINATED  
WITH THEIR OWN.

3. AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL HAS BEEN WORKING IN COLLABO-  
RATION WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF TUNISIA AND EGYPT IN  
CARRYING OUT INVESTMENT IDENTIFICATION ACTIVITIES  
DESIGNED TO CREATE JOINT VENTURES IN AGRICULTURE,  
FISHERIES, AND FOOD PROCESSING. IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
THAT WORK, THE COUNCIL WAS ALERTED TO THE INTEREST  
OF THE GOVERNMENTS AND ALSO TO THE IMMENSE RESOURCES  
OF MOROCCO THROUGH RFA'S REPORT. AS A RESULT, THE  
COUNCIL WANTS TO COME TO MOROCCO TO TIE TOGETHER ITS  
EFFORTS IN EGYPT AND TUNISIA, IN ORDER TO DEVELOP A  
REGIONAL APPROACH TO INVESTMENT.

4. IF RFA IS AWAY FROM POST, REQUEST CONSULATE TAKE  
NECESSARY ACTION IN HIS ABSENCE. CHRISTOPHER

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